



PTG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND HEADS OF SCHOOL MEETING AGENDA

CON-406

Monday 16th September, 2024 at 8:00 am

Meeting Started: 08:01a

Attendees: *Chris Sammons (Head of School), Cindy Adair (Cross Campus Principal), Matt Seddon (Secondary Principal), Sarah McCormack (Primary Principal), Cheryl Rego (Alumni and Marketing Manager), Rachel Jones (Head of Admissions), Alice Curwood (Cross Campus Assistant Principal Extra Curricular Sports & Activities), Safy Rizk (PTG Chair), Pao Tantiprasongchai (PTG Vice Chair), Anchal Pathela (PTG Events), Karina Chattlani (PTG Communications), Chris Huang (PTG Secretary), Dennis Stech (PTG Treasurer), Sharan Hora (PTG Secondary Rep), Apollo Chansrichawla (PTG Primary Rep), Soreda Parinyanusorn (PTG Thai Rep), Sumedha Rawat (PTG Tiger Shop), Chris Chan Ebrahim (PTG Newcomers)*

Apologies: *Craig White (Business Development)*

- **General business**

- Safy introduced Dennis and Sumedha as new PTG reps
- Introductions were made across the table by all members attending this meeting

- **Business carried over**

- None

- **School Updates and Reports**

- Head of School (Chris Sammons)

- Chris gave thanks and wanted to recognize the following groups:
 - Those involved with the induction of new staff
 - The Primary and Secondary teams, both school and PTG for their efforts with newcomer induction
 - PTG and Cheryl for the activities coming up
 - Whole school development plan
 - Further developing Patana's philosophy on teaching and learning
 - Simplifying provision for language acquisition
 - Approaches to data
 - Curriculum pathways

Cross Campus (Cindy Adair)

- The school has welcomed the head of dance (Sarah)
- Coach Belle and Coach Richard have joined the swim team staff, and have been out on pool deck with students since the beginning of the term
- On 26 September, from 8a-9a there will be a PTG Tech Talk hosted by Brian Taylor and will cater to new parents, designed to get them acclimated to the various system at the school
- Library – Steven M will once again be hosting a parent book club event - hot chocolate and Christmas reads
- Library stock take will be performed during the October half term break as well as the Christmas break. Doing it then allowed the summer works to occur prior to the new academic year starting
- There will be a visiting speaker from PE, hosting a kettle bell workshop

Primary (Sarah McCormack)

- This new academic year, the primary school welcomed:
 - 200 new students – highest enrolment ever
 - 11 new staff (of 170 total)
- There have been:
 - 1 school assembly (Olympic theme)
 - 3 parent workshops
- One maths week will coming up with the venue TBD
- New Y4-6 baseline assessments have been completed, where over 800 assessments were run in Maths and English, headed by Dave Walton
- Wednesday, 18 September will be World Peace Day
- Primary residentials will be held in November
 - On 26 September there will be presentations for parents of the various year groups participating
 - The move of the schedule is in response to high AQL experienced in previous years

Sports/Extracurricular (Alice Curwood)

- ECAs, seasonal sports and academies are well underway, with more students showing up at trials week
 - Dev U12 and U14 pathways have had a great uptake, with over 50 students that would not have made it in years before
- Marine conservation ECA has begun for Year 5+ students
 - The Thai Ocean Academy hosted 15 students this past Saturday at a try dive. Lots of positive feedback with the possibility of this leading towards a pathway to PADI certification
 - Thanks to Sarah Dibley, Dan Hatfield and Yvonne Brown for helping get this off the ground
- Positive response to PE uniforms and sport kits in its goal to bring about uniformity across the board
- Look ahead to SEASAC Season 1. Notable events:

- In November
 - (i) BPS hosting 11s football
 - (ii) Volleyball teams will travel to Singapore and Vietnam
 - (iii) Cross Country and Golf will travel to Malaysia
 - (iv) 18 Netball team will travel to Singapore for their first ever international tournament, competing at FOBISIA Netball
- Comments on the sports kits – the concept was planned over an 18 month period. All inquiries about cost, school shop management and stock levels should be sent to Khun Toon (suha@patana.ac.th) since it involves school services
 - Costs are front loaded, so idea is for them to be spread across the entire year
 - Sharan Hora mentioned complaints from parents about price. Cheryl mentioned that all inquiries, complaints and concerns should be sent to Khun Toon. Margins on the kits are actually slim. The idea is for kids to possibly use them for more than 1 year even though parents assume kids will grow much faster and will necessitate the need to buy them annually
 - School – margins are low for kits and school uniforms
 - (i) Alice – costs are presented up front rather than hidden in other costs (ECAs, trip costs, etc). Home and away kits all paid up front and overall the quality higher than with prior kits
 - (ii) There is a perceived high cost when compared with other kits from years past

Secondary School (Matt Seddon)

- Strong Exam results from GCSE/IB
- Two-thirds of IG results are with A or A*
- IB has an average score of 36, and Patana is 6 pts above world average
 - Analysis is currently being done
 - Only has only been 1 student that didn't get their 1st or 2nd choice university
- IBCP, IB diploma has 6 students that are deep into the curriculum and are enjoying it. There are currently 15-20 parents of students who the school are in discussions with about the possibility of having their children join this pathway over the next two years

Admissions (Rachel Jones)

- The school has welcomed 244 new students this term
- Newcomers was a major success, many thanks to Chris Chan and the PTG team
- 2346 students currently enrolled, the highest enrolment number ever
- 3 new nationalities have been introduced to the school (Tanzania, Columbia, and Cambodia)

- This swapped out 3 nationalities which left
- Admissions has been opened for academic year 25/26 to expatriate students
 - There continues to be waiting pools for every year group
- Admissions for academic year 25/26 to Thai students was opened in July and will close on 15 January, at which time the review process will start
- New students from within Thailand have come from 57 different schools
 - Rachel has a plan to visit some of the schools to get a better understanding of where these students are coming and starting from

Marketing and Alumni (Cheryl Rego)

- Fun Run
 - Many thanks to the Thai parents group who are sponsors
 - Event will be held at Rama 9 park again this year

Chair Report (Safy)

- Shuttle with parents – Safy is currently speaking with Khun Toon about the feasibility of this and working to introduce it to parents
- There have been meetings about transparency on event selection criteria with Cheryl and Anchal for Events (services, etc.) Results from the meeting will be published on Firefly, with the selection process posted

Vice Chair Report (Pao)

- Garage sale will be held in June. The plan is to have the event 2 times a year (6 December planned and the second event will be sometime in June)
- The event is designed to foster engagement between parents and teachers/faculty

Primary Report (Apollo)

- Parent coffee mornings started last week and will continue to next week. They have been well received and attended

Secondary Report (Sharan)

- Parents are asking about the selection process for academy teams (tennis, gold, dance, etc). They feel it may be unfair with parents wanting more transparency
- Is there a way to explain to parents the criteria? How can we provide this to them?
- There are currently no residential for Y11 and Y13
 - These students would like for a day or two of them since they have their ICGSE and IBs
 - Matt – it's on the Secondary team's development plan, but the timing being considered
- A few parents have asked how house points are awarded

- One child wasn't in school for 3 days but received points – MASE will ask HOY to share information with parents about how points are awarded

Tiger Shop Report (Sumedha)

- New parent shirts are currently available and sales of them are going well; reorders been placed
- Working with CASS to come up with ideas for new items

Treasurer's Report (Dennis)

- Dennis met with Craig last week to align the accounting period in with the school's (before PTG's accounting period was AGM to AGM)
- The budget for 2025 has been put off until we have more data since it's difficult to forecast due to the new stock that's been purchased for the Tiger Shop
- As of August, our balance sheet shows 1.5M THB and PTG will be able to run all its events

Thai Rep Report (Soreda Parinyanusorn)

- There are discussions with Khun Dee to host Thai parents' breakfast/get together on 30 September

PTG Events Update (Anchal Pathela)

- Intl Day – everything going as scheduled
 - 8 performances are scheduled for the stage, and none had to be declined
- Big Night Out is set for 9 November
 - Save the dates will be sent this week
 - 2 venues are under consideration
 - Ticket sales will start by end of the month

Newcomers Report (Chris Chan)

- The event was a success, thanks to everyone for support
- Lots of positive feedback from new parents and kids
- Net parent activity classes
 - Strength and Conditional class at the Shark Tank on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 745a-845a
- Food tour will occur on 25 September

Meeting adjourned: 8:53am